



Celebration Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:
 **Shooting Star**
Children's Hospices
We have raised **£1,530** so far...

'Respect is being helpful, inclusive, being a good listener and thinking of others' Isla –Year 3

Latest News



Values Champions

Our **respect** Values Champions were celebrated today and it was great to hear the different areas where children flexed their respect muscle this term. Whether it was showing respect to others on the playground, to adults around the school or even the school grounds and classrooms! Our Values Champions can be found on the reverse of the newsletter! Next term our focus turns to the values of *Independence* and *Perseverance* as we try and keep the energy up for the final term of the year, and we start to look towards preparing the children for the following year, either in their new classes at GJS or their new schools!

Writing Transformers

Today we also celebrated our Spring **WRITING TRANSFORMERS**. As you know, writing was the biggest casualty following COVID enforced school closures five years ago, and is still reflected in national averages of Key Stage 2 leavers and the area improving by the smallest margins nationally each year. As we continue to shine a light on writing at GJS, congratulations to those who have truly transformed their writing and have made great progress this last term. The recipients can be found on the reverse of the newsletter!



GJS Attendance

Well done to ALL the classes who have maintained really high levels of attendance once again this term at GJS. As you know, attendance is really important to us and it has been great to see the level of persistent absences on the decline, and the average attendance remains at the exceptional level of **97.31%**. Well done to **6SC** who are the Attendance Winners this term with an average of **98.03%**. Thank you to all parents and carers who value regular attendance too and play a pivotal role in enabling attendance at GJS to be so strong. More information on our school attendance and how we compare to other schools can be found on the school website [here!](#)

AB Stars Break-Time Champion Award

Following the analysis of our behaviour data from CPOMs, it was great to see that Negative Behaviour Incidents and Friendship Incidents continue to be low, another strength at GJS, averaging fewer than 0.9 incidents a day across the school. There are so many reasons why incidents are so low here, ranging from our restorative systems, high levels of vigilance at all time, the consistently respectful behaviours modelled by ALL adults that the children come into contact with, our calm, purposeful and predictable culture and the wonderful level of pastoral care and sense of nurture. The class with **0** incidents this term was **3JA** and they should be rightly proud to receive and display the AB Star Award for the next term!

Reading Passports

It is great that 'reading for pleasure' continues to be alive and kicking at GJS, which was clearly visible today during our Celebration Assembly. Not only did we have a large number of children achieving **GOLD** by reading eight books this term, but it was great to see so many Year 3's getting involved as the newest members of the school! With so many more distractions for children outside school, it is so reassuring that so many children are committing time to read as a way of relaxing, learning or informing their writing!

Shooting Star Charity

Thank you to everyone who has made donations and bought the various 'knitted novelties' we have had for sale this year. Every penny raised goes directly to Shooting Star. So far we have raised a staggering **£1,530** with still a term to go and another fund raiser to organise!

Art Competition

Godalming Library is holding an art competition with the theme 'Spring'. Entries should be no larger than A3 size, 2D and no photography unless it's part of a collage. To submit your fantastic work, just take it into Godalming Library by **Saturday 18th April**.

British Science Week Poster Competition

For more details on the British Science Week Poster Competition, please click [here](#) or see the poster in class rooms. If you wish to compete, please hand in your poster to your class teacher or Miss Warner by **Friday 10th April**.

And Finally...

Today we say farewell and good luck to Anna Sanders and Russell Cannon. Anna has been with the school as a highly skilled and nurturing Learning Support Assistant for nearly 8 years, and Russell has been our caretaker, and GJS alumni, for just over 7 years! I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the best in their next adventures and thank them for their efforts for the GJS cause! Thank you ALL for your continued support, and everyone at GJS would like to wish all our fellow stakeholders an enjoyable, restful and safe Easter break. We return on **Tuesday 14th April**.



House Points Total

 Neptune	7255
Mars	6718
Jupiter	6629
Saturn	5902



PTA News

Parent's Quiz Night

A huge thank you to all those who attended and helped out at the PTA Quiz last Friday. An excellent night was had by all!

New PTA Chair Needed!

As you may be aware, we will soon be in need of a new Chair as Ellen, our current chair, has a child in Year 6 so will no longer be a parent at the school next year. Without a Chair we can't function as a charity. It could be a shared role between two or three people. If you are interested please reach to ellenrinttila@gmail.com who can give you an overview of what is involved.



School Achievement

Writing TRANSFORMERS--Summer

- 3JA – TOMMY M
- 3EC – MAX
- 4AR – LUKE
- 4AL – ALANA
- 5KR – SADIE
- 5KW – MARIA
- 6RH – LEIGHTON
- 6SC – KRIS



98%

Respect Values Champions

- 3JA – George
- 3EC – Alexander
- 4AR – Leona
- 4AL – Beatrix
- 5KW – Luna
- 5KR – Sophie
- 6RH – Joey
- 6SC – Lily



Sports News

Years 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics County Final @ Guildford Spectrum

Yesterday, Miss Holcombe, Mrs Williams and the Bingham had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletes to the Spectrum in Guildford for the Surrey School Games. Alongside ten other schools, they spent the morning showcasing their jumping, throwing and running skills, finishing in a fantastic fourth place! We are incredibly proud of all their efforts and, once again, their exemplary behaviour while representing GJS!

Years 5 and 6 Cricket Team Trials

Upper School children who would like to take part in the cricket team trials should come to school in PE Kit on **Friday 17th April**, ready to try out in the afternoon. Children will need to sign up in class, and only those who have signed up and are in PE kit will be able to try out.

Diary Dates

Spring 2026

March	
27th:	End of Term @ 1.15pm
April	
13th:	INSET DAY
14th:	Start of summer term
14th:	Y5 Catch-up Swimming
17th:	Y5/6 Benchball @ Rodborough
21st:	Y5 Catch-up Swimming
22nd:	Y5 Netball @ Park Mead
28th:	Y5 Catch-up Swimming
29th:	Y6 Netball @ Rodborough
May	
4th:	Bank Holiday
5th:	Y5 Catch-up Swimming
11th-15th:	Y6 SATS Week
12th:	Y5 Catch-up Swimming
19th:	Y5 Catch-up Swimming
21st:	Whole Class Photos—Full Winter Uniform
22nd:	INSET DAY
25th-29th:	HALF TERM

